

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 2, 2006.

Response to Restriction

The Examiner requires restriction of the following:

Group I, Claims 1-14, drawn to linking of method for preparation of evolved microorganisms; Group II, Claim 15, drawn to a microorganism; Group III, Claims 16-17, drawn to a method of preparation of a protein; Group IV, claims 18-19, drawn to a gene; Group V, Claims 20-21, drawn to a protein.

Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1 through 14, drawn to linking of method for preparation of evolved microorganisms, for further examination without traverse.

CONCLUSION

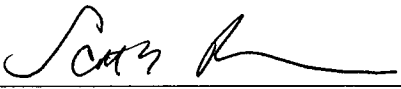
In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and a favorable response are respectfully requested.

No fee is deemed necessary. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 04-1420 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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